

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: MAIL-PROCESSING MACHINE

**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW ERRONEOUS ABANDONMENT**

Sir:

Subsequent to a Notice of Allowance dated December 11 2001, Applicants filed a timely RCE with an Amendment and an IDS on March 11, 2002. (Attached). A return postcard dated March 20, 2002, acknowledging receipt of the RCE, Amendment and IDS at the USPTO on was received by Pitney Bowes. (Attached). Subsequent to that postcard Applicants have not received any correspondence in connection with the Application. Applicants have now noticed that the PAIR system indicates that the application became abandoned. No Notice of Abandonment was received at the Assignee. In view of the timely filed RCE, the application should not have become abandoned, and it is requested that such erroneous abandonment be withdrawn so that the RCE and accompanying IDS can be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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